

Bertrand Russell :Bolshevism , composed of Americanised Jews. No vestige of liberty remains, in thought or speech

Russell`s letter

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{p. 354} To Ottoline Morell

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Dearest O

I have got thus far on my return, but boats are very full and it may be a week before I reach England. I left Allen in a nursing home in Reval, no longer in danger, tho' twice he had been given up by the Doctors. Partly owing to his illness, but more because I loathed the Bolsheviks, the time in Russia was infinitely painful to me, in spite of being one of the most interesting things I have ever done. **Bolshevism is a close tyrannical bureaucracy, with a spy system more elaborate and terrible than the Tsar's, and an aristocracy as insolent and unfeeling, composed of Americanised Jews. No vestige of liberty remains, in thought or speech or action.** I was stifled and oppressed by the weight of the machine as by a cope of lead.

{p. 355} the Bolsheviks is to make them industrial and as Yankee as possible. Imagine yourself governed in every detail by a mixture of Sidney Webb and Rufus Isaacs, and you will have a picture of modern Russia. I went hoping to find the promised land.

All love - I hope I shall see you soon.

Your B.

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The same letter appears in volume two of the **hardback**, 3-volume edition of Russell's autobiography, **The Autobiography of Bertrand Russell: 1914-1944**, Little, Brown & Co., Boston 1968, **p. 172**.